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Prints and Photographs Division Displays Newly Cataloged Items in "New For You" Exhibit

A selection of 290 items from the Library's Prints and Photographs Division is currently on display in the Madison Gallery of the Madison Building. The exhibit, entitled "New For You," will remain on view through October.

The exhibition is divided into six sections covering fine prints, posters, master photographs, documentary photographs, popular and applied graphic arts, and works of architecture, design, and engineering. The items, which have come to the Library through a variety of sources, have been made available to the public for viewing for the first time during the last five years. Many of the works are new in that they have been processed or cataloged only recently; in that sense, they are newly discovered among the 12 million items in the Library's collections of prints and photographs. They include:

☐ A sampling from seven hundred large (18 by 22 inches) glass-plate negatives by noted American landscape photographer William Henry Jackson (1848–1942), that had been in unopened wooden crates since 1949;

☐ A group of photographs taken by Lewis Hine (1874–1940) in the Balkans during World War I, that had not been identified previously among the 100,000 photographs in the American National Red Cross Collection;

☐ Examples of the more than 2,300 original photoprints of American Indians that had been placed on copyright deposit by Edward S. Curtis (1868–1954), the leading photographer in this genre;

☐ Previously unpublished photographs of the only all-black pilot squadron in World War II, by Toni Frissell (b. 1907), one of the most versatile photojournalists of this century.

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Library Publishes Lecture by Richard Ellmann on W. B. Yeats

The Library of Congress has recently published *W. B. Yeats's Second Puberty,* a lecture delivered at the Library by Richard Ellmann in April 1984. The lecture, third in a series of four lectures on Irish writers, was sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. The other writers considered are James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, and Samuel Beckett.

Drawing upon William Butler Yeats's prose, poetry, and correspondence, as well as interviews with Yeats's wife and others who knew him, Professor Ellmann presents a lucid account of the poet's final years. The title of the lecture derives from Yeats himself, who called the last years of his life a "second puberty." Yeats was concerned about impotence as he grew older and, in 1934, underwent a vasectomy, reputed at the time to restore sexual vigor. The operation did not cure Yeats's impotence but did have dramatic psychological consequences, with the remaining five years of his life marked by considerable literary fecundity.

Professor Ellmann points out that for Yeats the operation symbolized an "attempt to impose potency upon impotency." Ellman illustrates how many of the themes recorded in Yeats's earlier works reappeared in his later poems, themes such as sources of art, the troubling sense that human life and work might be futile, and the disparate impulses of mind and body, and the never-ending attempt to unify them. Though Yeats did some of his best work during this period, none of these problems were resolved.

W. B. Yeats's Second Puberty, a 32-page booklet, is available free from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Library Receives Microfilms on Eastern European Protestants

The Library has received the first reels of a large microfilm series, *Historical Materials on Baptists and Other Evangelicals in Soviet Russia and other Eastern European Countries,* which is being issued by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. Although the larger religious bodies of Russia and other Eastern European nations represent quite a different heritage, the role of the Baptist and Evangelical groups has been a significant one and in the Soviet Union at the present time the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists offers the largest officially permitted expression of the tradition of nonliturgical Christianity in that country.

The microfilms include not only works originating within the Baptist and Evangelical communities but also those written from the point of view of Orthodoxy or by representatives of the official ideological outlook, and they include books, pamphlets, and journals issued before 1917, as well as afterwards. There are also publications by writers from other countries, including accounts of British or American spokesmen for the Baptist and Evangelical movements who had contact with people and groups in Russia and Eastern Europe.

The materials presented by these microfilms will not only be of interest to students of the religious history of Eastern Europe but also to those seeking information about many aspects of the social and intellectual outlook of a broad segment of the peoples of the region. Although to a large degree, the most responsive elements of the population to the Evangelical and Baptist movement were the peasants and the recently urbanized working class, there is among these microfilms a solid reflection of the attitudes of the larger churches and of administrators and secular commentators. The material also provides researchers with information on the relationships between the diverse traditions that have historically been found among the Baptists and Evangelicals, particularly in the United States, and the more controlled religious and social attitudes that have been more in evidence in Eastern Europe.

When the rest of this microfilm series is added to materials already available in the Library of Congress, researchers will have at their disposal an even greater amount of information upon which to base broader analyses of the history and culture of both Russia and Eastern Europe.

The Library of Congress MUMS data base provides an entry for these films under Library of Congress card 84–199789.

Semiannual Report
On Developments at the Library of Congress
October 1 through March 31, 1985

Office of The Librarian

Legislation Relating to the Library of Congress: Library of Congress Appropriations, Fiscal 1986

On February 27, The Librarian of Congress and other Library officials testified before the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, House Committee on Appropriations, to request funds for the Library's budget for fiscal year 1986 and to present the 1985 supplemental request. The $253,129,000 requested for fiscal 1986 includes authority to obligate $10,300,000 in receipts, for a net total of $242,829,000. The request for operations includes Library of Congress Salaries and Expenses, $142,307,000; Copyright Office, $12,081,000; National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, $38,402,000; Special Foreign Currency Program, $832,000; Furniture and Furnishings, $5,915,000; Congressional Research Service, $43,292,000. The 1985 supplemental request is for $4,043,000 to cover increased pay costs.

Status Report on Mass Book Deacidification Facility

On March 19, The Associate Librarian of Congress testified before the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, to give a progress report on the Mass Book Deacidification Facility, which was approved by the Congress in 1984. The facility, to be constructed at Fort Detrick, Md., will neutralize acid in book paper in the Library's collections, thereby extending the life of books 400–600 years. It is estimated that one million volumes per year can be handled by the facility.

The Congress appropriated $11.5 million in the 1984 supplemental appropriations act to construct the facility. The Library is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is responsible for building construction, and with Northrop Services, Inc., which is providing management and engineering support services for construction, equipment installation, and facility activation. The Corps of Engineers has engaged an architectural firm to complete the first stage of design drawings and outline specifications. Building construction is scheduled to begin in January 1986 with actual production operations beginning in November 1987.

Joint Committee on the Library

A planning meeting of the Joint Committee on the Library was held on April 16. Representative Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) was elected chairman of the committee and Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., (R-Md.) was elected vice chairman.

Congressional User Survey

In response to a request by the Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Appropriations, House Committee on Appropriations, a questionnaire was developed to survey senior congressional staff about services of the Library of Congress to congressional offices, excluding the Congressional Research Service. Over 1,700 questionnaires were mailed and more than 75 percent were returned. Ninety-six percent of the respondents reported that they have used services of the Library, with staffers in Washington, D.C., tending to use the services more than those outside of the city. A number of respondents asked that hours of service of the Library be extended in some instances. Generally, the results show that congressional staff give the services provided by the Library positive evaluations—99 percent rated the Library services to the Congress good or very good.

Council of Scholars

At its fall meeting, on November 30 and December 1, the Council of Scholars discussed the report, *The Book in our Future,* prepared by the Center for the Book at the request of the Congress. John Y. Cole, executive director, Center for the Book, briefed the council on the report, and The Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin discussed its preparation. The council's discussion focused on the following issues raised by the report: the quality of books published today, the economics of the publishing industry, comparative trends in publishing in western nations, illiteracy, aliteracy, and the impact of technology on publishing. New council members attending the meeting were Cleanth Brooks, Yale University; Robert Heilbroner, The New School for Social Research; Gertrude Himmelfarb, City University of New York; Joseph Kerman, University of California at Berkeley; and Simon Ramo, president, TRW, Inc. Mrs. Charles Thornton, member, Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, also attended the meeting.

Office of Planning and Development

The office is responsible for overseeing user research conducted in connection with the Optical Disk Pilot Program at the Library. The Planning Office and Informatics, Inc., a private firm hired to assist with

various aspects of a survey to be done in the print or digital optical disk portion of the program, have been designing a questionnaire which will be given out at the end of each search session to patrons who use the optical disk terminals. Work has also proceeded on how to capture and use data to be recorded in transaction logs. The logs will be complete computerized records of all actions taken at each terminal in the digital optical disk system. As a result of the decision to delay release of the optical disk system to the general public, the Informatics contract is on hold for several months.

The evaluation of the digital or print project began in May. Participating staff in the Congressional Research Service and four Library reading rooms filled in log sheets near the reading room terminals and, as appropriate, supplied information to the Planning Office using a "message phone." Finally, three optical disk evaluation questionnaires (documentation and training, equipment and software, and printing) were designed and distributed. They will be used to collect comments and suggestions for improving the system.

Office staff continued working intensively on the congressionally mandated survey of the Library's noncongressional users. Staff mailed a total of more than 20,000 questionnaires to users of 12 major Library services and received back almost 15,000 completed questionniares. A summary report was delivered to the Congress April 3.

Library Buildings and Space

Since September, significant progress has been made on the project for renovating and restoring the older Library buildings. The sprinkler systems for the bookstacks in the Jefferson and Adams buildings neared completion, work to modernize the elevators in the Jefferson Building was initiated, restoration of the west terrace and steps of the Jefferson Building was completed except for some work remaining to be done on the Neptune Fountain, and demolition and construction work was initiated on the fourth floor of the Adams Building. The Library sent the Architect of the Capitol final review comments of construction drawings and specifications, along with space layouts and requirements for all of those organizational units that will occupy temporary work sites during Phase I construction. Some staff members and scholars were relocated, beginning in February, in order that preliminary preparations for occupancy could begin in the upper deck areas of the Jefferson Building. The Environment Resources Office continued to hold semiweekly progress meetings with the Construction Management Division of the Architect of the Capitol, and participated in developing and refining detailed computerized project and construction schedules. Special planning sessions were held with the Architect of the Capitol to develop electrical wiring and data cabling plans for the buildings, security and safety measures, plans for renovating certain offices that will remain in place, and plans for exterior staging areas. It is anticipated that moves to temporary locations will begin in June and continue throughout the summer and that Phase I construction work will begin in the fall.

By the end of March, the General Services Administration had nearly completed negotiations with the owner of the Taylor Street Annex to renew the lease and proceed with the renovation of the building. Construction work will begin sometime during the summer. Construction of the cold storage film vaults at Landover Center Annex proceeded at a very slow pace and may not be finished until late in the calendar year. A consultant completed an engineering study for upgrading the humidification system in Building 167 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. In March, the Library was notified that the General Services Administration plans to build a new film vault at Suitland, Md., for the Library that will provide greatly improved environmental conditions.

Collections Development Office

The Collections Development Office continued its series of seminars on foreign acquisitions. The eighth seminar reviewed acquisitions from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Mongolia; the ninth was devoted to the five southernmost countries of South America; and the tenth covered Mexico, Spain, and Portugal. Seven more seminars are planned to complete this worldwide review. Among the recurring topics were the use of local individuals, on a contract basis, to collect nontrade publications and to make contacts in areas from which acquisitions are difficult; and the possibility of special arrangements for the purchase of films, recordings, other nonbook materials, and publications outside the book trade.

Discussions were held between area specialists and science and technology specialists to discuss acquisition and selection policies for scientific and technical publications. Participants agreed that although the majority of scientific studies are published in English regardless of their origin, it is essential that the Library acquire foreign-language materials, especially journals, reflecting scientific developments in each country.

Funds for acquisitions have enabled the Library to purchase an impressive selection of rare books, fine prints, antique maps, musical and literary manuscripts, and outstanding foreign television productions. At the same time, there has been Library-wide discussion of the future of acquisitions from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, which are soon to be

transferred from Special Foreign Currency funding to U.S. dollars. The director, Collections Development Office, attended the Field Directors' Conference in New Delhi in March at which this topic was a major agenda item.

The Tax Reform Act of 1985 includes changes affecting gifts to nonprofit institutions. Their impact on the Library's acquisitions is not yet clear.

As part of the Library's inventory project, 8,800 missing titles in Class J were referred to the office. These are to be reviewed by the selection officers and subject specialists to identify the titles for which replacements are to be sought.

Review and reselection of the cataloging arrearages, a project that began in 1983, moved from the Descriptive Cataloging to the Shared Cataloging arrearages. By early 1985, the Japanese-language volumes had been completely reselected and substantial progress made on the large arrearages in English, Russian, French, and German.

The Selection Office reselected older copyright deposits for possible addition to the collections before disposal by the Copyright Office. Published dramas and books deposited after 1959 were the principal groups reviewed.

Although the Library has an extensive internal program to preserve and publish selected collections and materials in microform, efforts are continually under way to work with commercial micropublishers to further the Library's aims. Two cooperative projects of this type were advanced over the past six months. Research Publications, Inc., completed the micropublication of city directories for 11 large U.S. cities for 1902–1935 and began work on filming the directories of 55 additional important cities covering the same period. In another development, the Library completed an agreement with Harvester Press to produce a microfiche publication of the *Records of the Federal Writers' Project: Printed and Mimeograph Publications, 1933–43,* a collection held by the Manuscript Division.

Interlibrary cooperation in the area of collection assessment continues to be a major activity. As part of the Research Libraries Group's (RLG) conspectus project to describe existing library holdings and current acquisitions practices of U.S. research libraries, the office coordinated surveys of the Library's music sound recording and cartographic collections and completed lengthy verification studies testing the depth of the collections in five targeted subject areas of scholarly interest. The data confirmed that the Library has strong research collections in all five areas. For Renaissance and baroque art and Swiss history, the Library reported the largest percentage of publications among the participating libraries. In addition, the Library accepted, at the request of RLG, primary collecting responsibility for specialized topics in education and computer science.

The office and Processing Services collaborated on the 1983 National Shelflist Count, the first in which the Library has estimated the growth of the classified collections through the manipulation of machine-readable files. Through JANUS, a series of programs for the batch retrieval of bibliographic records, the number of verified bibliographic records added to the Books(M) and Serial files between July 1981 (the completion date of the last count) and June 1983 was tabulated and the figures added to those already reported. The American Library Association will publish the results.

Office of the Associate Librarian for Management

Equal Employment Opportunity Programs

During the past year, the Graduate Cooperative Education Program matured into what is possibly the Library's most effective results-oriented affirmative action recruitment program. That program as well as the sponsorship of a program commemorating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and an exhibition for Black History Month, *Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds,* were the major activities of the Affirmative Action Office over the past year.

The Graduate Cooperative Education Program began in the summer of 1980. A total of 78 graduate students from 31 colleges and universities have participated in the program so far. During the years 1980 to 1982, the program provided summer employment with the expectation that the participants would return to the Library after they received their graduate degrees and compete for posted vacancies. To date, four of the 29 participants from that period have returned to the Library and successfully competed for professional positions. Beginning in 1983, participants in the Graduate Cooperative Education Program became eligible for one-year temporary appointments if selected by their departments, based on the Library's needs and on their performance during their 90–120 day assignments. During that one year period they are also expected to compete for career positions with the Library of Congress. Many of the 66 participants of the 1983–1984 period are still pursuing graduate degrees; six of them are currently performing at the Library in one-year temporary appointments, and ten from that group have successfully competed and are now career employees of the Library. Three of this group left the Library during their one-year appointments for employment opportunities elsewhere. Because all of the 78 participants

potentially reduced under-representation of minorities and women in the Library's workforce, the Graduate Cooperative Education Program fully satisfies program requirements for reducing under-representation as well as providing the Library with a highly qualified workforce.

In December, the Library commemorated the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The program featured Eleanor Holmes Norton, former chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), as the speaker and honoree for her contributions toward the enforcement of the Act.

During Black History Month the Affirmative Action Office sponsored a 20-panel exhibition titled "*Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds.*" The panels traced the achievements of black women in religion, military service, civil rights, dance, theater, entertainment, literature, medicine, sports, science, and mathematics. A 48-page Program Handbook, that included a chronology of the contributions of black women since 1746, was distributed in connection with the exhibition.

The Administrative Detail Program, developed as an affirmative action effort to encourage the interest of talented women and minority staff members in administrative and managerial work, offered 16 detail opportunities in fiscal year 1985. The program, administered by the Women's Program Office, began in March. It provides selected staff members with an opportunity during the 90-day detail to test their interest in and potential for administrative pursuits by allowing them to work with Library managers who have administrative responsibilities.

The Women's Program Advisory Committee celebrated its 10th anniversary with a reception in the Whittall Pavilion on November 8. The event was attended by approximately 300 persons, including current and former members of the committee. Library officials gave recognition to the committee for 10 years of programs, projects, and publications working toward fulfilling the Women's Program Office goal of equal opportunity for women at the Library of Congress.

On March 20, the Women's Program Advisory Committee presented the program "Sexual Harassment. . .Not Just a Touchy Thing" to approximately 350 staff members in the Mumford Room. The presentation was made by Virginia Burke, formerly of the Office of Personnel Management's Equal Employment Opportunity Training Institute. Coinciding with the program, a brochure on sexual harassment was produced by the Women's Program Advisory Committee with input from offices with responsibilities in this area. The brochure was distributed at the program.

Final work assignment and work methodology changes for the Equal Employment Opportunity Complaints Office (EEOCO) were documented by the Associate Librarian for Management during the first month of the fiscal year. The highlights for this period were a substantial improvement in the processing time for informal complaints and the assignment to investigators of all backlogged formal complaints awaiting investigation. At the beginning of the reporting period, 66 informal and 103 formal complaints were pending in the EEOCO. During the period, 48 new matters were received in the EEOCO, totaling 217. Forty-two matters became formal complaints. Forty-four informal and 17 formal complaints were resolved during this six-month period, and 28 informal and 128 formal complaints were pending as of March 31, 1985. A comparative review of statistical data with the last six-month period reveals: (1) a 29 percent decrease in new complaints; (2) a 21 percent increase in matters becoming formal complaints; (3) a 9 percent increase in informal complaints resolved; (4) an 11 percent decrease of formal complaints resolved.

Automated Systems Office

Online availability of the central processing units averaged 99.5 percent by the end of the reporting period. The online systems, which are supported 96.5 hours per week, processed approximately 4.3 million transactions per month while servicing 2,309 terminals located on Capitol Hill. During the period, the Computer Service Center continued the project of replacing the older four terminals with new Comterms terminals. The new devices are currently being used for searching of the various Library online data bases. By the end of this period, approximately 200 of these terminals were installed. Also during this period, the IBM 3033 UP system was replaced by the new IBM 3084 QX4 central processor. The mainframe was installed during February, and on March 9 the system began supporting the Library's online applications. This new processor, acquired through the competitive procurement process, will provide better response time to online users. Since March, the response time has been reduced some 64 percent in the MUMS region during a sample hour in the peak period.

The project to determine the Library's telecommunications requirements through the year 2000, which is directed at integrating data, voice, and image transmission, continued. A major result to date has been the determination that it is feasible to integrate the Library's voice and data transmission on the same system.

The Optical Disk Pilot Program was supported in terms of hardware, systems support, and document entry. The software has grown to accommodate users, record keeping, and future document input

requirements. The hardware has been upgraded to reflect the best available technology. Optical disk technology is developing rapidly, and all system architecture is designed to accommodate growth and change at the subsystem level without major system alteration.

During the first half of the fiscal year, the Systems Programming Office installed a number of significant telecommunications software products. Two of these, Tempus-Link and Kermit, are used for the transfer of files between microcomputers and the Library's large IBM mainframe systems. The Kermit product is also capable of transferring files between microcomputers of the same or different types.

The Technical Systems Office completed facility changes for the MultiMUMS release that will create 13 new applications in MUMS.

Word Proximity capabilities were added to the SCORPIO component of the Library of Congress Information Systems (LOCIS), and is planned for subsequent extension to other files. This capability represents the fulfillment of requests by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and the Congressional Research Service for proximity operators in SCORPIO retrieval. Work is near completion for performance improvements for Word Proximity processing.

During this period, substantial work has been performed in the analysis and design of the provision of secondary access by the SCORPIO component of LOCIS to all the data currently available to secondary access of the MUMS component of LOCIS. This is a significant effort in the progress of merging the MUMS and SCORPIO components of LOCIS, while also providing improved capabilities in SCORPIO retrieval and display of bibliographic data.

Two new files were implemented under SCORPIO for the 99th Congress. The Legislative Information System (Bill Digest) for the 99th Congress (CG99) records and tracks legislative action for each bill and amendment introduced into the Senate and House. This new file utilizes the new Word Proximity feature and allows the user to be very precise in specifying the location of words in a document. The Congressional Record Abstract File for the 99th Congress (CR99) indexes and abstracts the printed publication and is updated within 24 hours of publication. Both CG99 and CR99 were developed to take advantage of a new batch file maintenance facility (FMP) which improves the method used for updating the index files.

The Copyright Office Publication and Interactive Cataloging System (COPICS II) was enhanced to provide for the registration of mask works as mandated by the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act of 1984. The process by which the COPICS data is made available in LOCIS using SCORPIO commands was redesigned to provide for the weekly update of the index. The result is both a more timely availability of the data and a more efficient process for updating the index.

The Copyright Office In-Process System (COINS) was revised to include the registration of mask works. The COINS Operations Guide was upgraded to production status. Disk hardware on the COINS Data General machine was upgraded, and preparations were undertaken for moving the COINS system to a new installation of Data General equipment.

A prototype system was developed for the online processing of jukebox licenses.

The User and Production Service completed 742 problem reports, work requests, and support requests during this time period. A system management concept was implemented, forming system teams to maintain the production environment more effectively.

Central Services Division

During this period the Paperwork Management staff made 16 visits to 13 Congressional offices for the purpose of providing advisory service on records management. An additional 83 boxes of microfilm were transferred to the National Underground Storage (NUS) in Boyers, Pa. A total of 1,197 boxes containing 62,940 reels of microfilm are now stored at this facility. A total of 528 cubic feet of records were destroyed in accordance with established Records Disposition Authorizations. Twenty-eight cubic feet of Putnam Archives records were transferred to the Manuscript Division for inclusion in the Library of Congress Archives.

Personnel and Labor Relations Office

Several important programs were successfully implemented in the Personnel and Labor Relations Office. A nationwide recruitment program, under the aegis of the Recruitment and Placement Office, became fully operational with staffing specialists making visits to approximately 40 colleges, universities, and professional associations during this period. They provided information on employment opportunities with the Library and the evaluation and selection procedures as well as counseling prospective applicants on job requirements. Staffing specialists provided information at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C., and a specialist attended the American Computer Machines annual conference, specifically to recruit candidates in the field of computer science.

The first Handicapped Program was presented by the Staff Relations Office in October. It included a

presentation on how reasonable accommodation can be provided on the job to handicapped individuals. This was followed by a panel discussion by handicapped staff members about their experiences at the Library, which overall were positive. This program was considered to have been quite successful since the number of referrals to the Handicapped Program began increasing immediately, with 104 contacts reported by the Staff Relations Specialists with staff members, supervisors, and others involving the handicapped.

The Staff Training and Development Office offered the Professional Development Training Series for the first time. This independent study program was initiated to accommodate managers, supervisors, and staff members who, because of their particular work hours and responsibilities, were unable to attend regularly scheduled classes. Through the use of audio- and videocassettes and the guidance of employee development specialists, those participating are able to pursue an independent program of study.

The Office of Counsel for Personnel developed and conducted a course on the equal opportunity complaints process for supervisors and managers. Between January 1 and March 31, 14 sessions were held for 251 managers and supervisors. In addition, the Staff Training and Development Office reported that 38 supervisors completed the course "EEO at LC" during this six-month period, bringing the total of supervisors having had this training to more than 600.

On November 28, a representative from the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) conducted a consent agreement election for the professional and nonprofessional employees of the Law Library. Appearing on the ballot were the incumbent union, Law Library of Congress United Association of Employees (LLCUNAE), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Locals 2477 and 2910. As a result of the election, AFSCME Local 2477 now represents the nonprofessional employees and Local 2910 the professional employees. Contract negotiations are currently in progress.

In response to a Recognition Petition request submitted on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police to represent a proposed unit of Library of Congress Special Police Officers, the FLRA ruled that the long-established bargaining unit for these employees remained appropriate and that no unusual circumstances were present to justify the severance of these employees from the established bargaining unit. The FLRA concluded that the request did not raise a question concerning representation and that no election was warranted. Therefore, AFSCME Local 2477 continues to represent Special Police, and contract negotiations are in progress.

The Position Classification and Organization Office continued to work with the management of the Copyright Office on the development of the Copyright Examiners Series GS-1210 in the Factor Evaluation System (FES) format. The draft standard was submitted for review to the Office of Personnel Management on January 3.

The Health Services Office conducted the annual Influenza Vaccination Program with 495 staff members participating; administered, through the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, the biannual Glaucoma Detection Program with 550 staff members participating; conducted collaboratively with the American Cancer Society the Fresh Start Program developed for smoking cessation, with 74 participants; carried out the Allergy Immunization Program with 1,247 staff members participating; held 16 sessions of the Bereavement Group; and sponsored three Health Forums with approximately 600 staff members in attendance. During this period, 7,136 visits were made to the health rooms by staff members and visitors to the Library, and 194 notices of injuries were filed with the Department of Labor under the Federal Employees Compensation Act.

A major area of endeavor for the Labor Relations Office continues to involve impact bargaining, ranging from performance requirements to renovation and restoration, relocation, reorganization, and Affirmative Action Recruiting and Targeting Series Development. The Labor Relations Office processed a total of 17 grievances, nine of which were filed by Local 2477, seven by Local 2910 and one by the Congressional Research Employees Association.

In the Office of Counsel for Personnel, attorneys tried eight administrative appeal cases, seven of which were adverse actions and one of which was an equal opportunity case. Two cases were settled and one was postponed at the request of the appellant. Decisions were received in nine other cases which were tried earlier, all but one of which were favorable to the Library.

Staff in the Personnel Operations Office processed 386 appointments, 187 resignations, 132 terminations of temporary appointments, 33 retirements, 483 promotions, and 321 transfers and reassignments. Also during this period, 144 outstanding performance ratings and 142 quality step-increases were processed.

Staff in the Position Classification and Organization Office processed four proposed reorganizations and conducted three surveys. There were 130 individual classifications actions taken to establish new positions and redescribe existing positions, with two positions being regraded, 59 amended, and 46 canceled.

The Recruitment and Placement Office processed 14,723 applications for posted vacancies, 3,427 of which were from Library staff, and issued 442 vacancy

announcements. There were 130 rating panels convened during this period, and they rated 3,727 applications.

The Recruitment and Placement Office received 59 qualified nominations from 34 library school deans and 34 qualified applications from Library staff members for the 1985–86 Intern Program. All "outside" interns in the 1984–85 Programs were placed by the end of the program.

The specialists in the Staff Relations Office provided individual counseling to 871 staff members and 1,176 supervisory/management personnel. The greatest needs were in the areas of interpretation of regulations and preparation of counseling memoranda. This office also provided essential services to handicapped staff members—ranging from counseling for work-related problems to on-site interpreting for the deaf—and received 89 requests for interpreting services during this six-month period. Interpreters were used for staff members, training, and other special events.

At the November Incentive Awards Program, that is administered by the Staff Relations Office, 273 cash or honorary awards were presented to staff members for their achievements.

The Staff Training and Development Office processed more than 2,000 training requests during this six-month period, and its staff conducted or coordinated 77 courses attended by more than 1,400 staff members.

Photoduplication Service

The Photoduplication Service continued its program of replacing older coin-operated copiers with newer equipment. A total of four machine replacements were made in the areas of: the Main Card Catalog; the Serials and Government Publications Reading Room; Local History and Genealogy; and Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound.

Eight new circulars on significant research collections available on microfilm were issued during this period. Titles and issuing numbers were: Indian Newspapers Available on Positive Microfilm (393); *Exhibitor's Trade Review* (394); Alaskan Russian Church Archives (395); *Umafrika* (396); Written Records of the Farm Security Administration, Historical Section—Office of War Information, Overseas Picture Division, Washington Section (397); Pre-1801 Books About Music on Microfilm (398); *Food and Drug Review* (399), and the Henry A. Monday Collection (400). Researchers and institutions interested in copies of circulars on these collections should contact the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service, Department C, Washington, DC 20540.

Procurement and Supply Division

Outreach programs to assist the departments have included the issuance of guidelines for users' administration of blanket purchase orders and the distribution of standard industry ink color specimens, and specifications for use in the design and procurement of printed materials.

The division has emphasized internal procedures to more accurately record and monitor requisition status, purchase order production, vendor performance, and valid quantitative and qualitative statistical data relating to procurement transactions. Early in the year, a multiyear contract was negotiated to upgrade the Library's central computer systems. The selective use of support service contractors to monitor specific contractual projects has resulted in more timely and positive response to Library needs. During the renovation of the Jefferson and Adams Buildings, like the earlier move to the Madison Building, the removal of all surplus furniture and equipment is an ongoing process necessitated by the temporary relocation of Library units and construction.

Associate Librarian for National Programs

American Folklife Center

The *Kalevala,* Finland's national folk epic, was the topic of the symposium "The *Kalevala* and Finnish Identity in Finland and America," held in the Whittall Pavilion on January 24. The program, arranged with the assistance of the Embassy of Finland, included Finnish and American scholars who discussed a wide range of topics relating to the writing of the *Kalevala* and its significance as a marker of identity in the past and present. The event celebrated the 150th anniversary of the first publication of the *Kalevala.*

Workshops and special presentations included the center's first bilingual program, "Tops/Trompos," presented in October. "Dough Ornaments and Festive Cookies" in November heralded the holiday season. A presentation in December, "Cranberry Culture in New Jersey," offered a look at the cranberry industry in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, documented by the Pinelands Folklife Project.

On December 28 the American Dialect Society held its annual meeting at the Library of Congress, during which it officially presented some 1,300 aluminum disk recordings as a gift to the Library in exchange for a copy of the recordings on tape. Most of the disks were collected by Miles Hanley in the mid-1930s when he was associate director of the *Linguistic Atlas of New*

England. The disks provide a valuable linguistic, cultural, and historic oral record of that period in American history.

Publications during the last six months include *American Folk Music and Folklore Recordings 1983: A Selected List,* an annotated listing of 31 recordings released in 1983 which include outstanding examples of "root" folk musical traditions. The finding aid, *Recordings from New York State in the Archive of Folk Culture,* was reprinted.

Center for the Book

During the first half of fiscal year 1985, the Center for the Book continued its active program of promoting books and reading, through projects, lectures, symposia, and special events. The center's program is supported by private, tax-deductible contributions. Major contributions came from Baker & Taylor; the Dula Educational and Charitable Foundation; Houghton Mifflin; John Wiley & Sons; Simon & Schuster, Inc.; and United Technologies.

Four new publications were issued during this period: *Books in Action: The Armed Services Editions,* consisting of essays about the Armed Services Editions project and a list of the titles; *Dare To Be Creative,* a lecture by Madeleine L'Engle cosponsored with the Children's Literature Center; *Books in Our Future,* a report to the U.S. Congress; and *New Technologies in Book Distribution, The United States Experience,* published for the center by UNESCO. One previous publication, *U.S. Books Abroad: Neglected Ambassadors,* was reprinted, and the Book-of-the-Month Club issued, as a pro bono, an abridged edition of *Books That Made the Difference.*

A dinner in the Library's Great Hall on December 6 celebrated *Books in Our Future* and marked the opening of "Books and Other Machines," a major exhibition in the Great Hall sponsored by the center. A six-color, silk-screen poster created for the center by graphic artist Lance Hidy was unveiled on the occasion. On January 6, during the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, the center sponsored a reception and program on "U.S. Books Abroad." The speakers were Charles Z. Wick, director of the United States Information Agency, and The Librarian of Congress.

Two major symposia were held. "Images of the World: The Atlas Through History" was a two-day, international meeting held in October, sponsored with the Geography and Map Division. "Stepping Away From Tradition: Children's Books of the 1920s and 1930s," sponsored with the Children's Literature Center, marked Children's Book Week in November. Two Engelhard lectures were presented: "The History of Books and the Book in History," by John Feather of Loughborough University, and "The Limits of Library History," by David McKitterick of Cambridge University.

The center's reading motivation projects continued to flourish. The projects and the center's partners in each are: *Read More About It* (CBS Television, which added a children's series, "Storybreak," to the project, and the CBS Radio Network), *Cap'n O.G. Readmore* (ABC Children's Television), *Books Make a Difference* (Xerox Education Publications and the Book-of-the-Month Club), *A Nation of Readers* (the U.S. Postal Service, which issued a stamp with this theme on October 16, and the American Library Association, which adopted the theme for National Library Week in 1985), and *I'd Rather Be Reading,* which the center has undertaken in cooperation with the Association of American Publishers.

Children's Literature Center

As mentioned above, the Children's Literature Center with the Center for the Book, presented the symposium "Stepping Away from Tradition: Children's Books of the 1920s and 1930s." The program, which took place on November 15, attracted children's book editors, librarians, curators, writers, and illustrators from around the United States. It also prompted an editorial in the January/February issue of the *Horn Book Magazine* and an article in the April issue of *School Library Journal.* The symposium papers will be published in the near future.

A consultant has begun surveying the rich holdings of children's books and other non-print materials in the Library of Congress. The survey will result in an illustrated guide to be published by the Library. Other publications in process are a guide to the Library's holdings of Japanese children's books and a selective list of current American children's books. The center issued a small bookmark that describes its various functions and with the Center for the Book published Madeleine L'Engle's lecture, *Dare to be Creative.*

The center welcomed a number of important writers and illustrators, among whom were Shirley Hughes, Lisbeth Zwerger, Philippa Pearce, and Hilda van Stockum.

Educational Liaison Office

The Educational Liaison Office arranged tours and special appointments with Library staff for many distinguished visitors during the past six months including Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, wife of the President of Egypt; Jeanne Moreau, French film star; Frank Capra, the American film director; Ambassadors from Chile, Egypt, the Netherlands, St. Lucia, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia; delegations from the People's Republic

of China; the White House Fellows; and participants in the President's Executive Exchange. Visiting professional librarians included the National Librarian of Canada, the National Library of Medicine Associates, the city librarian of Seattle, staff of the National Diet Library of Japan, and the director of the Pike's Peak (Colorado) Library District, among others. The office arranged special appointments and tours for 2,401 official visitors, with 18,700 visitors joining the tour leaders in the Jefferson Building.

Once again, the Library was the host for the American Library Association Midwinter conferees in Washington at the reception center known also as The Information Place.

Exhibits Office

During the first half of the 1985 fiscal year, the Exhibits Office prepared and installed six major exhibitions, four mini-exhibits, as well as assisting in the fabrication and installation of the copyright exhibit. In all, 19 exhibitions opened or closed during this six-month period.

Among these exhibitions was "American Renaissance, Toward A Multi-Media Encyclopedia," a permanent mini-exhibit dealing with the current restoration and renovation of the Jefferson and Adams Buildings. In addition to architectural drawings and photographs, the exhibit features a scale model of the office colonnade design by Arthur Cotton Moore Associates. In "Books and Other Machines," more than 100 items are shown tracing the evolution of the book, its adaptability through new technologies, and its influence on civilization.

"The Realm of Folly: English Caricature 1620 to the Present," showed prints from the collection of King George IV of Great Britain, who suppressed the satiric drawings of artists during his reign, retaining samples for himself. These became part of a 10,000-item collection purchased by the Library from Windsor Castle. Two hundred of these prints and drawings are exhibited and will travel to the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, after the exhibit closes at the Library in February. A poster for the exhibition was designed and produced by the Exhibits Office for sale at the Sales and Information counters.

"Art Becomes the Poster: The American Art Poster 1962 Through 1984" included 47 posters by some of America's best contemporary artists. "Art Becomes the Poster" complements the larger exhibit in the Great Hall and displays additional contemporary posters drawn from the Prints and Photographs Division poster collection. "Looking at John Bull" has non-British artists taking a satirical view of the British and current events over the course of three centuries. The "13th Annual Employee Arts and Crafts Show" featured artifacts in various media, created by Library of Congress staff. "Geography and Map, Recent Acquisitions" features a sampling of 55 of the more than 86,000 cartographic items acquired by the Geography and Map Division in 1984, and are displayed in the categories by which they were acquired. "Congressional Research Service, Toward an Informed Legislator" is a permanent exhibition that features the history and development of the Congressional Research Service.

In addition, the Exhibits Office has 17 exhibitions in various stages of development and planning with themes in the planning stages such as childhood and the choices children make, and photographs from prerevolutionary Russia. The Traveling Exhibits Program circulated eight traveling exhibits to 16 institutions and is developing seven new exhibitions for travel.

Federal Library and Information Center Committee

Highlighting the six-month span of FLICC programs for the Federal library and information center community was the second annual Forum on Federal Information Policies held in the Mumford Room of the Madison Building on February 27. The theme this year was "The International Flow of Scientific and Technical Information." Twelve authorities from the Federal and private sectors as well as professional societies spoke on issues of national security and trade policy as well as international cooperation and scientific inquiry. The day-long session was chaired by Carol Nemeyer, chair of the FLICC Executive Advisory Committee, and the keynote speaker was Representative Mervyn M. Dymally (D-Calif.). An audience of some 100 library and information center professionals attended, participating in the lively question and answer periods following each session. A report on the proceedings is being printed and will soon be ready for distribution.

More than 180 librarians and information specialists attended the all-day Workshop on Measuring Productivity in Libraries held April 10. The speakers included David Muzio, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Janet Roberson, Program Analyst, Information Systems Management Division, Naval Supply System Command, U.S. Navy. Mr. Muzio gave a morning presentation on improving productivity in the Federal Government with an emphasis on library services. Ms. Roberson, formerly with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an A-76 project manager, gave the history of the implementation of A-76 which resulted in the outside contracting of the HUD library services. The evaluations turned in by the participants indicated

overall enthusiasm for the presentation.

At the March session of FLICC's Executive Advisory Committee, Kent Smith, deputy director, National Library of Medicine, presented a draft of FLICC's comments in response to the OMB budget draft circular, "Management of Federal Information Resources," which was published in the Federal Register on March 15. The response commended OMB for attempting to bring together all related issues in one broad policy circular, particularly because the Office of Science and Technology Policy appears to have relinquished its responsibility in this area. On the negative side, the response noted that OMB's dissemination policy has been rendered too narrow and restrictive. FLICC's position is that language that qualifies or restricts dissemination of information by a Federal agency should be dropped from the circular. FLICC membership was given an opportunity to comment during the interim and at the May 1 FLICC Quarterly Membership meeting. The FLICC response was forwarded to OMB following the meeting.

The executive director of FLICC, James P. Riley, has had a major role in organizing seminars which FLICC and the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), will be offering in the fall semester. The seminars, titled "Federal Librarians Update Seminars," will be composed of 10 sessions, 2½ hours each, and are intended to bring Federal librarians up to date on important activities taking place that affect Federal libraries. Tentative plans include sessions or parts of sessions on topics such as the National Agricultural Library, the National Library of Medicine, the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, FLICC, Microcomputers in Libraries, A-76, OMB, the Office of Personnel Management, the Joint Committee on Printing, the U.S. Government Printing Office, the National Technical Information Service, and the Defense Technical Information Center, as well as the Library of Congress. Joseph H. Howard, Director of the National Agricultural Library, USDA, is chair of the Library Technology Committee of the Graduate School, USDA.

The Microcomputer Demonstration Center, under the direction of Lee Power, program analyst, FLICC, has experienced a steady increase in the number of individuals and small groups visiting to discuss their plans for use of microcomputers in their libraries. Often, the software product they came in to see was not sufficient to their tasks and suggestions were made for more suitable solutions. Consultations were held with representatives of such groups as the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Fort Monroe, Va.; Federal Aviation Administration, N.J.; U.S. Air Force, Tex.; Department of Agriculture, Calif.; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Md.; U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Army Concepts Analysis, Washington, D.C. The center also was the host to a number of meetings including that of the Federal Law Librarians Association, which took place in March. Telephone consultations continue to be the most popular service. Initially, problems with printers headed the list of calls to the center. The center has recently been receiving more sophisticated inquiries as the users have become more practiced in data processing techniques.

The Electronic Bulletin Board includes lists of hardware and software available at the center, a calendar of events which includes the calendar for the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK), and technical notes on hardware and software configuration. A major function of the board is to enable Federal library and information centers to exchange information via messages. The board currently lists 100 registered users. Users can make additions to the information on the board by calling (202) 287-9626. The board is run on the center's BMC computer. Its telephone number is (202) 287-1386.

FEDLINK has some 50 contracts for various products and services available for Federal libraries and information centers. During the first six months of the fiscal year, there were 1,206 interagency agreements completed, representing more than $16 million for data base services. During this period, FEDLINK grew to more than 600 Federal libraries and information centers.

The FLICC/FEDLINK staff participated in the annual Federal Interagency Field Librarians' Workshop, November 28-30, Washington, D.C. An update on FLICC/FEDLINK programs was given by executive director James Riley. Lee Power and FEDLINK staff ran two all-day programs on microcomputers and their applications. Other programs included a class on the "Administration of OCLC" and an "Introduction to the M300 Work Station."

Information Office

The Information Office, in keeping with its responsibility to improve communication among Library staff as well as increase awareness of Library services to other audiences, initiated "Insight" programming on a television monitor adjacent to the sixth-floor cafeteria in the Madison Building. Each day between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. brief interviews with employees and features on Library programs are shown. The series, produced by the Information Office, has consisted of clips from commercial television as well as original segments. Excerpts of interviews have included The Librarian of Congress interviewed on "The Lawmakers," WETA;

STAFF NEWS

William A. Coates and George Lipshaw, Jr. Are Awarded 25-Year Pins

On May 9, William A. Coates, a warehouse worker in the Receiving and Supply Unit of the Shipping and Receiving Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service, and George Lipshaw, Jr., an operating accountant in the Fiscal Section of the Cataloging Distribution Service, were both presented 25-year Federal Service Award pins by Assistant Librarian for Processing Services Henriette D. Avram. Also attending the presentation were Mary Sauer Price, Director for Bibliographic Products and Services; Gerald R. Lowell, chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service, John J. Pizzo, assistant chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service; Leon E. Sims, head of the Shipping and Receiving Section; Jerry Faison III and James C. Proctor, supervisor and assistant supervisor of the Receiving and Supply Units; and Bernard S. Vugrin and Richard G. Pinning, fiscal officer and deputy fiscal officer.

William A. Coates receives congratulations from Henriette D. Avram.

William A. Coates served as a military policeman with the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962, before beginning his Federal service career with the U.S. Postal Service. He began his career with the Library of Congress in 1963. Mr. Coates held responsible positions in the Buildings Management Division and Photoduplication Service before being transferred and promoted to his current position in 1973. He received outstanding performance evaluations in 1983 and 1984, and received a special achievement award for exceptional performance in May 1985.

Mr. Coates is a graduate of Cardoza High School in Washington, D.C., where he participated in baseball, swimming, and basketball. In addition to being an avid sports fan, he takes his 18-foot boat to Delaware and Virginia Beach for all types of sports fishing.

Mr. Coates lives in the District of Columbia with his two sons. *(Continued on next page)*

The Health Services Office presented the Second Annual Wellness Fair on May 1 in the Mumford Room. Various community resources were represented at the fair. The Health Services Office provided hospitality, administered blood pressure checks, and answered general health questions. Keynote speaker Patricia Hobson from the Providence Wellness Institute discussed "Wellness as a Lifestyle." Barbara Fink of the Speech and Hearing Society provided sign-language interpretation during the keynote address and assistance for hearing impaired visitors to the fair. Pictured (right) are staff members requesting additional reading materials from one of the many resources that were made available. Plans for next year's Wellness Fair have already begun and suggestions from staff members are welcomed.

George Lipshaw, Jr., served two years with the U.S. Army before beginning his career with the Library of Congress in 1962 as a section clerk in the Music Section of the Copyright Cataloging Division. In 1963, he was promoted to periodicals recorder in the Book Section. He remained in that position until 1966 when he transferred to the Cataloging Distribution Service as supervisory cash accounting clerk. Since 1967, he has earned promotions to cash accounting technician, cost accountant, and operating accountant.

George Lipshaw, Jr., receives congratulations from Henriette D. Avram

Mr. Lipshaw has received several quality increases in recognition of his high-quality work. He was awarded a meritorious service award in 1978 for his efforts as an acting administrative assistant in addition to performing his regular duties as operating accountant. Mr. Lipshaw also served as a notary public for the Library of Congress from September 1978 to September 1983.

Mr. Lipshaw has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus for many years and has held offices at the local and state levels of that organization. In 1982 and 1983, he assisted in the distribution of food to the needy of southern Maryland. He served as general chairman of the Southern Maryland Charity Ball for the benefit of the Handicapped and Retarded Citizens of Charles and St. Mary's Counties. Mr. Lipshaw received a commendation from the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners for his exemplary community service and leadership.

Mr. Lipshaw lives with his wife, daughter, and son in Mechanicsville, Md.

Bland Angus Receives 20-Year Pin

Bland Angus, quality assurance specialist for recorded products at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, received a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on June 21. Frank Kurt Cylke, director of NLS/BPH, presented the pin.

Mr. Angus began work at NLS/BPH in 1965 as an assistant duplicator technician. He advanced to the positions of senior tape duplication technician and supervisory duplication technician before assuming his current position. As a quality assurance specialist for the Talking Books Program, Mr. Angus reviews recorded books for their technical quality and adherence to specifications. He is also a trainer in the NLS/BPH Duplicator Maintenance Course for tape duplication staff members of libraries in the NLS/BPH network. In addition, Mr. Angus has responsibility for reviewing Talking Books selected for reissue.

Mr. Angus received his training at Columbia Technical Institute in Arlington, Va. His interests include family and church activities, especially those assisting with church youth programs.

Ten-Year Pins Awarded to 17 Staff Members in May

During May, 17 staff members completed 10 years of Federal service and were presented Federal Service Award pins:

Willie A. Adams	Licensing Division
Enikő M. Basa	Cataloging Management and Publication Division
Joan S. Easton	Cataloging Division
Paula Sue Forrest	Music Division
David M. Foulkes	Systems Programming Office
Eleanor H. Friedman	Network Division
Brenda J. Haney	Office of the General Counsel
Regina Gale Jackson	Buildings Management Division
Lawrence D. McCain	Procurement and Supply Division
Karen L. Newman	Licensing Division
Zachary Pierce	Collections Management Division
Glen Z. Ruzicka	Conservation Office
John J. Schanz, Jr.	Science Policy Research Division
Rodney Stevenson	Collections Management Division

A. M. Tomko-Mendivill	Shared Cataloging Division
Christopher L. Wright	Loan Division
Heidi G. Yacker	Congressional Reference Division

Staff Activities

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, presented a lecture, "The Library of Congress and the World of Books," on April 30 at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. His talk was sponsored by the L.A. Co-op, which consists of the libraries of the University of Southern California, California State University at Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County Public Library.

Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture in the Hispanic Division, gave a presentation on "Oral Literature and Oral History: Research Strategies and Collections Development," and led a round table discussion on the subject at the 12th International Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association held in Albuquerque, N. Mex., on April 19.

FEDLINK Network Office librarian **Kathleen M. Eighmey** addressed the May 20th meeting of the National Capital Area Hospital Council, Medical Library Division. The meeting's topic concerned the scope of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK).

Ellen Hahn, chief of the General Reading Rooms Division, gave a presentation entitled "Laser Magic: Preserving the Past with Technology of Today" at the 1985 Annual Conference of the Indiana Library Association and Indiana Library Trustee Association in Evansville on May 9. Beginning with a slide presentation on the Library's Optical Disk Pilot Program followed by a discussion, Ms. Hahn demonstrated the Library's Prints and Photographs videodisk to show how picture researchers are using the new technology at the Library of Congress.

Joseph C. Hickerson, head of the Archive of Folk Culture, gave a lecture at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on Monday night, May 6. His topic, "Folksongs of the Nation's Capital," explored indigenous, transplanted, visiting, and revival folk music traditions of the area, and featured a number of recorded examples.

Cynthia J. Johanson, head of the Shelflisting Section in the Subject Cataloging Division, presented a speech on pay equity at the Vermont Library Association conference held on May 22 in Northfield, Vt. Ms. Johanson spoke on pay equity as a personnel issue and highlighted the involvement of the American Library Association (ALA). She currently serves as chair of the ALA's Commission on Pay Equity.

Zenon E. Kohut, research analyst in the Federal Research Division, gave a seminar on "The Development of a Little Russian Identity and Ukrainian Nation-Building" at Harvard University's Ukrainian Research Institute on April 25. The session was attended by approximately 35 scholars, faculty members, and advanced graduate students.

Recently, Mr. Kohut has also written two reviews of John Besarab's *Pereiaslav 1654: A Historical Study.* The first was published in *Slavic Review,* vol. 43, no. 3 (Fall 1984), while a much expanded version appeared in *Vidnova,* no. 2 (Winter 1984/Spring 1985).

George J. Kovtun, area specialist in the European Division, has prepared *The Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence: A History of the Document,* a new 60-page publication being distributed by the Library's European Division, that explains the origin of the document that was partly inspired by the American Declaration of Independence of 1776.

Ivan Sipkov, chief of the European Law Division, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Legal Information,* the official organ of the International Association of Law Libraries, beginning with volume 13 (1985). Mr. Sipkov is also a member of the association's board of directors.

Eugenia Uşeriu of the Shared Cataloging Division was a participant at the 10th Annual American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA) Convention held at the University of California at Berkeley on May 2-4. Mrs. Uşeriu presented a paper entitled "The Letters â and î in the Romanian Language," a problem still being debated by linguists. She made a historical-ethical analysis of this problem. At the ARA General Assembly held on May 4, Mrs. Uşeriu was reelected to the executive committee of the academy for the next 3 years.

Mi Chu Wiens, area specialist in the Chinese and Korean Section of the Asian Division, was invited to attend the International Conference on Chinese Local Gazetteers held in Taipei, Taiwan, April 1-4. Chinese local gazetteers constitute one of the major sources of data for research on the regional and local history of China. Participants invited to the conference were renowned scholars in the field of local history and

curators of institutions with important collections of Chinese local gazetteers and other related materials. Ms. Wiens presented a paper entitled "A Study of Anhwei Local Gazetteers, Genealogies, and Other Related Local Materials." She also participated in the discussion of Eugene Wu's paper on the Harvard-Yenching Library and its Chinese local gazetteers collection. In the closing ceremony, Ms. Wiens interpreted for Professor Van der Loon of Oxford University, translating his remarks from English into Chinese. Ms. Wiens' paper and comments on Eugene Wu's paper will be published in the *Proceedings of the International Conference on Chinese Local Gazetteers* in January, 1986.

Nancy F. Bush, Information Officer, was a panel speaker at the Washington Independent Writers annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on May 18. She spoke on resources for writers at the Library of Congress. Earlier, she spoke on the same topic to the Stephens College Club of Washington.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Jackie Booker, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 40035; Mary Goss, librarian, GS-9, P&P, 40952; Amy Kerka, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 40761; Christopher Murphy, librarian, GS-13, Afr/ME, 50093; Robert Otto, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 40277; Robert Whitehead, computer systems analyst, GS-14, CDS, 50112.

Temporary Appointments: Donna Abernathy, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Lic, NP; Dorianne Amenta, conservator, GS-4, Preserv, NP; Joyce Andrews, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Lic, NP; Elvia Arias, clerk, GS-1, FLICC, NP; Horace Baker, clerk, GS-2, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Tonya Bass, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Cynthia Berry, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Talaya Boardley, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Cat, NP; Judith Calish, library aid, GS-3, Subj Cat, NP; Carolyn Chapman, economist, GS-7, CRS E, NP; Ellen Colburn, librarian, GS-9, NLS/BPH, NP; Mary Curtin, inquiries recorder, GS-7, CRS ARS, 50162; Michael Desch, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Theresa Farmer, library aid, GS-1, MARC Ed, NP; Cassandra Gardner, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Inf & Ref, NP; Diane Hall, clerk/typist, R&P, NP; Harriet Hassler, clerk, GS-3, CRS ARS, NP; Martha Lederer, information receptionist, GS-2, CRS L, NP; Benita Lyons, clerk, GS-1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Ann Lytle, clerk, GS-1, Info, NP; Mary McBryde, clerk/typist, GS-5, NLS/BPH, NP; Rachelle Nelson, cooperative education aid, GS-5, Ser Rec, NP; Nan Nida, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Barbara Patrick, accounts maintenance clerk, GS-4, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Robin Porter, clerk, GS-1, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Robin Silver, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; John Ulrich, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Andrew Vincent, foreign affairs analyst, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Kim Watson, clerk/typist, GS-1, Cop Lic, NP; Lisa Whitaker, clerk/typist, GS-1, Pers Opns, NP.

Reappointments: Candace Brown, clerk/typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Chesha Gartmon, clerk/typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, NP; Sharon Seldon, clerk/typist, GS-3, Cop Acq & Proc, NP.

Promotions: Karen Bethea, EEO, to secretary, GS-7, NLS/BPH, 50222; Charles Brown, to bindery machine operator, XP-7, Preserv, NP; Tanya Chiaravalle, to clerk, GT-2, P&P, NP; Jacqueline Madison, to clerk, GS-2, CRS MAS, NP; Geraldine Quarles, to payroll audit specialist, GS-7, FMO, 50264; Barbara Reed, to freight classification specialist, GS-7, CS, 50218.

Transfer: Mary Ginevra, Preserv, to clerk/typist, GS-4, Exh, 50292.

Resignations: Kevin Benham, Share Cat; Eunice Charles, FRD; Pearl Dalley, ASO; Linda Dobb, Rare Bk; Neil Graham, Col Mgmt; Lisa Gregory, FRD; Harry Haon, Col Mgmt; Sandra Peaper, Cop Lic; Paula Speiden, E&G; Mary Thomas, Photodup.

Staff Carpool Locator

Charlotte Houtz of the Geography and Map Division, ext. 78541, is seeking an additional rider/driver for a carpool coming from the Falls Church/Arlington, Va., area. The carpool meets at the Sycamore entrance of Rt. 66. Current members are on a schedule from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gerald Gibson on the compact disk presentation and the Library's audio collection, WDVM; employees of the film preservation lab in Dayton, Ohio, WHIO; and Jane Withers and Buddy Rogers talking about early film and the Mary Pickford Theater, WDVM. Segments produced by the Information Office have included the story of the training of the Special Police, and interviews with Deputy Librarian William J. Welsh and reference specialist Karen Belanger.

Public-service television advertisements were prepared and distributed, as well as a short film on the Library's Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cataloging project.

During the six-month period, the Information Office responded to 2,062 press inquiries and 53 questionnaires addressed to the Library; distributed to divisions 4,515 clippings about the Library's programs or concerns from publications throughout the United States; and issued 72 press releases. Stories about the Library have appeared in the leading national news publications, with repeated coverage in the *The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Newsweek,* and *U.S. News & World Report,* among others. Stories carried by the United Press International and Associated Press wire services have sent stories across the country on the Library's activities and collections.

One of the major events coordinated by the office was a press conference, held in cooperation with the staff of Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., upon presentation to the Congress of The Librarian's report on *Books in Our Future*. The report, distributed to the media throughout the country, was the subject of numerous articles in newspapers and magazines.

Other stories during the period, to which the office gave special attention and which received national publicity, include the opening of the permanent exhibit on the history of copyright, a new display of the contents of Lincoln's pockets the night he was assassinated, the Gershwin celebration announcing establishment of the George and Ira Gershwin Room, the American Art Poster exhibit, the publication of *Halley's Comet: A Bibliography,* and of special interest to the Hispanic press, the events of Hispanic Heritage Week.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The 50th anniversary of the talking book was honored at a ceremony and reception in New York City during October. More than 200 guests paid tribute to the American Foundation for the Blind for developing the technology for the first talking book, to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) for distributing the earliest recorded books, and to the American Printing House for the Blind for helping to produce them.

Alexander Scourby, one of the major participants in the talking book anniversary program, died four months later in Boston. Mr. Scourby was, perhaps, the greatest of the narrators of talking books—having completed more than 400 books for the world of blind and physically handicapped readers. Frank Kurt Cylke, director of NLS, praised Scourby as one who "stood above all in capturing every nuance of the printed word."

A high-visibility label with the word BLINDPOST printed in black letters over an orange background has been distributed to libraries and agencies around the world who serve blind and physically handicapped individuals. The self-adhesive label is designed to provide ready identification of braille and recorded books for blind people and to speed their passage across international borders, through customs, and the international mail. These materials can be sent tariff-free in most countries; the difficulty has been to make them easily recognizable.

Work has begun on four new audiovisual projects for NLS by E-H Productions, Inc. Two slide-show productions are titled "Introduction to the Talking-Book Program" and "The NLS Multistate Center." The remaining two projects are videocassette programs with handbooks titled "Volunteers in Network Libraries" and "Talking Books in Health Care Agencies."

Colorful pink, green, and blue bookmarks were produced and distributed. New NLS exhibits were completed that use attractive photomural backdrops that are easy to assemble. An acrylic literature holder has also been devised for use with the exhibit program. As a spin-off project, posters for libraries and easel posters for health services offices, such as those of physicians and ophthalmologists, have been developed from the photomurals.

A new reference circular, *Parents Guide to the Development of Pre-School Handicapped Children: Resources and Services,* was distributed. A new catalog of foreign-language books was issued for the first time. This catalog includes all of the foreign-language titles in all media that have been produced to date by NLS.

Mr. Cylke attended the first meeting of the World Blind Union, formerly known as the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, reorganized to enhance worldwide dissemination of information and services for the blind. NLS is a member.

Members of the Ad Hoc Audio Equipment Advisory Group held their annual meeting at NLS in October. They discussed present and projected equipment needs and concerns and related activities. The exchange among NLS staff, consumers, and librarians has been most beneficial to the successful materials development program.

A procedures manual for quality assurance review of locally produced books was developed to be used first by the NLS Multistate Center for the Midlands.

Two new magazines are in process for addition to the NLS collection, *Personal Computing Magazine* in braille, and the French-language *Journal Français d'Amérique* on flexible disk.

Publishing Office

A recurring astronomical phenomenon that has enthralled the world for centuries is the subject of a major bibliography brought out by the Publishing Office in the first half of the fiscal year, *Halley's Comet: A Bibliography.* With 3,235 entries, it encompasses several languages and reaches as far back as the 15th century. This book is an especially valuable reference work in the context of the return of Halley's comet in early 1986. Other bibliographies published were *The United States and Sub-Saharan Africa; Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government-Sponsored Publications, 1976–80; Contemporary Italy,* which lists 1,280 works published from 1945 to 1983; *First Lady: A Bibliography of Selected Material by and about Eleanor Roosevelt; Delightful Places: A Book Tour of English Country Houses and Gardens;* and the fourth edition of *Popular Names of U.S. Government Reports: A Catalog,* an invaluable reference tool that links the institutional titles with the short titles by which they are commonly known.

The Library of Congress receives and retains 356 U.S. and 1,103 foreign newspapers, and receives and retains the current issues of 171 more U.S. and 62 foreign ones. They are all listed in *Newspapers Received Currently in the Library of Congress.* A companion work is the second edition of *African Newspapers in the Library of Congress.*

In the period, volumes were added to two ongoing series: *Antarctic Bibliography, Volume 13,* and *Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789, Volume 11.*

Distinguished lecturers are regularly invited to the Library, and a publication is often the result. That was true for Anthony Hecht on *The Pathetic Fallacy* and Anthony Rota, *Points at Issue: A Bookseller Looks at Bibliography.*

Publications about two divisions took rather different form, *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1983,* is a regular printed report, one of a series, whereas the Asian Division sought to bring attention to its collections by means of a colorful poster.

Congressional Research Service

The coming of a new Congress always brings to the Congressional Research Service (CRS) a surge in information queries and related activities. In early January, CRS teamed up for the second time with the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute to cosponsor a seminar for new Members of Congress in Williamsburg, Va. Twenty-three new Members and congressional staff attended the 48 seminars of the seventh annual Public Policy Issues Institute.

Another activity associated with the new Congress was the preparation of the lists of subjects suitable for policy analysis by the committees of the 99th Congress, as mandated by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, an activity that involved staff of all CRS research divisions.

CRS continues to perform multidisciplinary research on issue-oriented topics. A major project involving all CRS research divisions was the preparation of *The 99th Congress: Selected Emerging Legislative Issues,* an issue brief giving short summaries of selected issues that may receive consideration in the 99th Congress. In addition, the CRS has become a Capitol Hill clearinghouse for information about events being planned to celebrate the forthcoming bicentennials of the U.S. Constitution (1987) and of the Congress (1989).

For a wide-ranging inquiry into the Senate committee system and proposals for change, CRS researchers prepared background papers and statistical studies. A temporary panel, chaired by Senator Dan Quayle (R-Ind.) and co-chaired by Senator Wendell H. Ford (D-Ky.), produced a series of recommendations aimed at reducing Senators' assignments, easing scheduling, and streamlining procedures. CRS reports on committee assignments, germaneness, the use of cloture, and joint-committee procedures formed a basis for the panel's deliberations. Research was also provided to the Senate leadership, whose efforts, based in part on the panel's work, prompted the Senate to eliminate 14 subcommittees and a total of 120 committee seats.

During this period, 222,000 research and reference requests were cleared in a wide variety of formats, 11 percent more than during the same period last year. Three of the six months were each higher than the highest month last year—October 40,800; February, 41,400; and March, 51,000—with the March figure being the highest for a single month in CRS history. The average number of requests completed per work day in March was 2,432.

A two-year study of the Civil Service retirement system by CRS analysts began with the need for an analytic device to both estimate costs and evaluate the distribution of benefits, when such a device did not already exist. CRS designed a flexible, computer-based actuarial model that permitted the comparison of the Civil Service retirement system with those of government and private industry. The model continues to

serve as the definitive analytical device. Results of the study appeared as a committee print on designing a retirement system for Federal workers covered by Social Security.

Other committee prints included CRS studies and reports on recent advances in plant sciences, information technology and energy management, the Federal statistical system, the development of nuclear power fuel cycles, the status of environmental economics, East-West technology transfer, and the current provisions of U.S. trade law, as well as a sourcebook on Federal civil rights laws.

Substantial reports were prepared on topics as diverse as the dairy sector, defensive medicine and medical malpractice, Mars as the next destination for manned space flight, corporate income tax and the U.S. economy, religion and public policy, U.S.-Soviet strategic nuclear forces, and the new tax treatment of life insurance companies.

A total of 119 new issue briefs became available during this period, in which 174,200 were distributed, an average of 29,000 per month. This is 9,500 per month more than in the same period last year. New titles covered such topics as displaced homemakers, U.S. military activities in Honduras, a national sales tax, commercial fisheries, dairy provisions of the 1985 farm bill, Medicare physician payments, energy standards for appliances, and U.S. assistance to Nicaraguan guerrillas.

The distribution of Info Packs continues to break records. An average of 19,500 were distributed every month for a total of 117,100, a new high. March's total of 25,655 was an all-time high. The number distributed was up 11,000 (nearly 11 percent) from the previous period and nearly 12,000 (23 percent) from the same period last year. The most popular titles were tax reform issues, the budget for fiscal year 1986, and the Congress. Other popular titles included Washington, D.C.; the Grace Commission; and Central America.

The Selective Dissemination of Information service continued to set records, with a total of 636 congressional subscribers during this period.

Four institutes were conducted for Member and committee staff having legislative responsibilities, two for field office staff, and one for administrative assistants, with a total of 475 staff participating. The Capitol Hill Information Seminar, that acquaints new staff with the information resources of the Hill community, was offered three times and drew a total of 254 attendees. Another special program offered specifically with the new Congress in mind, a seminar for new administrative assistants, had 38 in attendance.

Among the topics of the issue-oriented seminars for Members and their staff were election law, Federal rangeland management, historic preservation tools, the 1985 Farm Bill, the debt problem of Latin America, the English-speaking Caribbean, the Philippines, tax reform and economic growth, the prospects for peace in Central America, and the strategic defense initiative. A total of 2,434 Members and staff attended the 59 seminars offered during the period.

Special programs included the annual budget seminar, attended by 179 staff, and a three-day conference on the future of Medicare, conducted at the request of the House Committee on Ways and Means and attended by 22 members of the committee and 10 members of its professional staff. Finally, an institute on agricultural food policy was cosponsored with the Farm Foundation for the second year, and 84 participated.

Besides several hundred tailored briefings on legislation-related topics, CRS staff gave 159 briefings for congressional staff to orient them to the services and resources of CRS. Additionally, noncongressional visitors were given briefings on the mission of CRS and its services. Among them were 144 members of parliament and parliamentary librarians, 141 cabinet-level officials of foreign governments, and 302 U.S. librarians from research, academic, Federal, state, and local public libraries nationwide.

At the request of the National Federation of State High School Associations, a planning meeting was held in October 1984. An association representative met with CRS analysts to review and comment on the position papers submitted by the associations, before balloting by debate coaches across the country. The high school debate topic selected was "What is the most effective water policy for the United States?" The manual was issued as a Senate document and was ready for distribution in late May.

On March 4, the Congressional Reading Room in the Madison Building was officially renamed the La Follette Congressional Reading Room, in honor of two Senators from Wisconsin, Robert M. La Follette and Robert M. La Follette, Jr., father and son. A day-long symposium about the La Follettes preceded the renaming ceremony attended by several members of the La Follette family, by Members of Congress, Library of Congress officials, CRS staff, and others. The Librarian of Congress moderated, and brief remarks were made by both Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., (R-Md.), vice chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, and by Representative Mary Rose Oakar (D-Oh.), chair of the Task Force on Libraries and Memorials of the Committee on House Administration. Large brass plaques outside the Reading Room doors carry the new name, and an exhibit in the hallway outside LM 204 provides information about the two La Follettes and about CRS.

Processing Services

Processing Services has begun an intensive effort to define its organizational identity and aims for the near future. A strategic planning process was begun in December with workshops that explained the process to division-level management.

To set the stage for looking at the department in light of past and future trends likely to affect its activities and products, a conference was held in January for supervisors and managers. Topics and speakers at the conference included the history of managing change at the Library of Congress—John Cole, the Center for the Book; publishing in the year 2000—Carol Risher, Association of American Publishers; the Linked Systems Project—Lee Jones, Council on Library Resources; and the impact of automation on librarianship in the next 15 years—Ruth Person, Catholic University. The day's talks were moderated by Deanna Marcum, Council on Library Resources.

A planning group composed of the Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, the three directors, the executive officer, and the assistant executive officer, met with a facilitator and developed the basic planning source material, a mission statement, a set of broad strategic goals, and a strategy to meet the goals. By March, the Processing Services divisions had begun to develop action plans to chart the yearly progress toward meeting the departmental goals. The planning process is expected to help the department achieve goals and to integrate new projects into an organized administrative approach toward the department's activities, products, and mission. It should also prove beneficial in anticipating budgetary needs.

Several new appointments were made in the first half of the fiscal year. Gerald R. Lowell assumed the responsibilities of chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service in October. E. Christian Filstrup reported as assistant chief of the Overseas Operations Division in January. Michael W. Albin was appointed chief of the Order Division in February, to be effective June 24.

Acquisitions and Overseas Operations

During the week of March 25, the Overseas Operations Division held a meeting of the field directors in New Delhi. This was the fifth such gathering and the first since 1977. The conference gathered together the field directors, the assistant field directors, the director of the Collections Development Office (a former field director in New Delhi), the Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, the director for Acquisitions and Overseas Operations, and the central Overseas Operations staff. Discussions covered automation of the field offices for administrative and bibliographic functions, the gradual shifting of responsibility for particular cataloging functions to the field office staff, changes in format and distribution of the *Accessions Lists*, throughput studies, staff development and other personnel issues, and a range of administrative policies, suggestions, procedures, and problems. The participants were also able to tour the Library facilities in India and observe the operation of the Overseas Data Entry system which was installed last year to provide machine-readable cataloging data for library materials processed in India.

The Cairo field office has begun to process Turkish acquisitions which are being shipped directly from the Library's representatives in Turkey. Iranian publications are shipped to the Karachi office from blanket order vendors in Iran. Noteworthy publishing trends reported by the field offices include a rise in publishing output in Brazil, fewer publications being issued in Pakistan, more publications being received from Iran, and difficulty in acquiring local government publications in Indonesia.

The Hispanic Acquisitions Section in the Exchange and Gift Division (E&G) reported that exchange and purchase receipts from Iberia, Latin America, and the Caribbean show a healthy increase this year. Intensive acquisitions field work is under way in Ecuador, northern Mexico, and Venezuela (for legal materials) through arrangements with area specialists. More attention has been devoted to the acquisition of non-book materials, such as videotapes, sound recordings, posters, and political and counterculture publications. Japanese and Vietnamese receipts rose significantly during the first half of the fiscal year. An experiment with the National Library of China has been extended for another six months. The National Library had agreed to supply bound copies of the Chinese materials which are part of the official exchange. In cooperation with the African and Middle Eastern Division, a special claiming project was undertaken to acquire missing issues of South African government serials. A special preservation project was initiated this year as the Gift Section began to convert its pre-1956 gift acquisition files to microfilm. The correspondence file provides important legal documentation relating to significant gifts and donations that have enriched the Library's collections since the last century.

Receipts of publications from the Government Printing Office rose 39 percent over receipts in the first half of the previous fiscal year—266,977 in the first half of fiscal year 1985 compared with 191,835 in fiscal year 1984. Receipts from Federal agencies also rose by 9 percent. In October, representatives from the Library met with the Superintendent of Documents and his staff to discuss problems reported by recipients of the full set of government documents in official exchanges. The

talks led to a resolution on the part of both agencies that semiannual meetings would be beneficial.

The Documents Expediting Project ended the reporting period with 131 members; two new libraries had joined and three had canceled membership. The Project distributes the *C.I.A. Reference Aid Series* to 289 nonmember subscribers. Current Federal publications are distributed to member libraries; 1,147 titles were sent in the first half of the fiscal year. Nearly 12,000 special requests were handled in the same period.

State document receipts also rose during the reporting period. The number of bibliographic entries prepared for the *Monthly Checklist of State Publications* increased by 1,737 titles; a total of 15,093 entries appeared in the six-month period.

The Order Division placed orders for slightly more titles during the first half of the fiscal year than in the previous fiscal year. Requests for current non-U.S. publications declined, but the number of new subscription orders for serials and regular orders for currently published domestic library materials (book and nonbook) offset that decline. The Blanket Order Section assumed the responsibility for inputting acquisitions records to the in-process data base for current foreign books selected by blanket order dealers and recommended by the Library's recommending officers. Two new blanket orders for current African emigré publications were issued to firms covering imprints issued in the United Kingdom and France. A new arrangement was made with a French firm to supply posters from France and Poland. Existing blanket orders were expanded to include posters from Austria, West Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. New blanket orders were also established in Israel for the acquisition of Arabic publications from the occupied West Bank and Israel, in Algeria with the Bibliothèque Nationale de l'Algérie, and in Manila to improve coverage of Philippine imprints.

Receipts of library materials (except microforms) and invoices declined, compared to the first half of fiscal year 1984. The average cost of foreign books remained stable as the value of the U.S. dollar continued to be strong compared to other currencies. Significant new purchases included holograph manuscripts of Sigmund Freud's books and two Willem Blaeu 17th-century wall maps.

A pilot project to catalog machine-readable data files (MRDF) and computer software has been approved. Development work for a 1,000-title pilot project is currently under way. The pilot project titles will be cataloged as part of the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) program by staff in the Special Materials Cataloging Division. An online input/update application for MRDF records is being developed under the guidance of the Automation Planning and Liaison Office (APLO). The CIP Division is surveying the library community to shape a policy on what software to include in the program. A questionnaire was sent to school, public, academic, and special librarians whose responses will help in the formulation of the scope of the project. Publishers have been contacted to serve on an advisory group.

The cooperative project between the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the Library of Congress entered a new phase in October. During the past year, NLM conducted an experimental project to provide complete descriptive cataloging for biomedical titles in the CIP program. The experiment was successful and NLM has assumed full responsibility for the biomedical titles currently received for CIP cataloging.

A revised version of the *CIP Publishers Manual* was distributed to actively participating publishers in January. The manual outlines requirements for participation in the CIP program and provides answers to policy and procedural questions. The CIP Division has also undertaken a campaign to enroll small presses in the CIP program. A study of small presses was conducted and 75 presses were identified, of which only 24 are current CIP participants.

Cataloging

A new online input/update application is under development. Based on the Music Online system which was implemented in 1984, the Visual Materials system is expected to be operational by the end of the summer. Records for the Visual Materials system will be created in the Audiovisual Section of the Special Materials Cataloging Division; in the Prints and Photographs Division; and in the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. While MARC records for audiovisual materials have been created for Library of Congress cataloging since 1972, they were part of a batch-production system which will be replaced by the online system. More than 70,000 existing records will be converted to the Visual Materials system when it is implemented. The converted file will be made available from the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS). The Audiovisual Section has concentrated catalogers' efforts on clearing out pipeline records prior to the full implementation of the online system. By mid-year, the section had cataloged about 2,500 titles, approximately 80 percent of the production in fiscal year 1984.

The rare book catalogers have concluded a two-year project to catalog volumes comprising the reference collection of the Lessing Rosenwald gift. This collection, a treasure of reference sources bearing on Mr. Rosenwald's extensive collecting interests, added

approximately 1,150 new titles to the Library's holdings. Another special project reached a significant milestone in January, when the first of three volumes of a bibliography of Library of Congress holdings of western-language medieval and Renaissance manuscripts was delivered to be published. This first volume includes descriptions of 53 Bibles, books of hours, and liturgical works.

All of the Library's full-level monographic cataloging in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (CJK) languages has now been input to the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN). Catalogers' productivity throughout the processing stream has adjusted to pre-RLIN levels for materials in these languages. Development work is under way in the Automation Planning and Liaison Office for the requirements to convert the RLIN CJK records for use in the Library's internal system and for inclusion in the *National Union Catalog*. A separate MARC Distribution Service for CJK tapes is being planned and CDS is investigating ways to produce printed cards from the RLIN tapes of LC cataloging.

Descriptive cataloging production rose one percent in the Shared Cataloging Division compared to the first half of the last fiscal year. In the Descriptive Cataloging Division, the output of original descriptive cataloging kept abreast of receipts in most language areas. Noteworthy production increases occurred in Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Korean, and Ottoman Turkish materials.

Enhancements were incorporated in the minimal level cataloging records this year. Added entries for persons and corporate bodies will be included for those minimal level records entered under title, and additional fixed field information will be included in those records which are now called MLC Plus. The enhancements have been adopted as the Library's standard for less-than-full cataloging. A contract was let for the creation of MLC Plus records in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. The Library's cataloging staff is undertaking the creation of MLC Plus records in more exotic languages.

The Name Authority Cooperative Project (NACO) organized training for three new participating libraries, Utah State Library, Cornell University Library, and Stanford University Library. During the first half of the fiscal year, the Eighteenth-Century Short Title Catalog project began to contribute NACO headings from the British Library. The number of new name authority headings handled in NACO during the first half of the fiscal year was 23,321, bringing the total of NACO contributions to the Library of Congress name authority file to 137,134 records. NACO also processed 7,420 bibliographic records, which brings the NACO bibliographic record contributions to 27,693.

Several subject heading publications were issued in the first half of the fiscal year. The third quarter 1983 *Supplement to LC Subject Headings*, the fourth quarter 1983 supplement, and the first quarter 1984 supplement were published. Three revised classification schedules were also published. The third edition of *BL, BM, BP, BQ: Religion: Religions, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism,* the fourth edition of *L: Education,* and the first edition of *KDZ, KG–KH, Law of the Americas, Latin America, and the West Indies* were issued. Publication of the third edition of *BX, Religion: Christian Denominations* is anticipated this summer.

A former staff member of the Subject Cataloging Division returned to help with a special project to review biological/botanical headings used on bibliographic records that were not printed in the *LCSH*. Headings and references were reviewed and recommendations for inclusion in the subject heading listing were made.

Work was completed in the Decimal Classification Division on the schedule *004–006, Data Processing, Computer Science*. The schedule will be issued in May. Revisions to the area tables for Japan and South Africa will be published in *Dewey Decimal Classification: Additions, Notes, and Decisions,* Number 4:5. An agreement has been reached with the National Library of Papua New Guinea over the details of a revision to the area tables for Melanesia and Papua New Guinea.

In March, the editor of the *Dewey Decimal Classification* attended a two-day meeting in Florence, Italy, with the translating team that is producing an abridged Italian edition of the DDC. They were working toward a manuscript deadline of June. The Dewey classifiers in the meantime applied classification numbers to 63,000 items.

In February, the MARC Editorial Division celebrated its verification of the two-millionth book record, marking a major milestone in the 20-year history of the LC machine-readable cataloging program. The Bibliographic Flip contract to upgrade headings in the MARC data base to AACR 2 forms of names has passed the halfway point. When completed in late 1985, this project will have changed over 225,000 MARC records. The MARC data bases now contain records for 2,037,888 books, 1,177,519 name authorities, and 66,725 series authorities.

During the first half of this fiscal year, maintenance of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules,* second edition, involved proposals to add to the chapter of rules on sound recordings some new provisions for describing compact digital disks, to add to the chapter of rules on motion pictures and videorecordings new provisions for videodisks, and to reformulate a more consistent treatment of headings based on Hebrew and Yiddish literature. The Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy

also undertook a detailed analysis of the remaining problems in the four International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD) documents currently being revised by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the ISBD's for monographs, serials, non-book materials, and cartographic materials.

Bibliographic Products and Services

The Automation Planning and Liaison Office (APLO) undertook a review of a preliminary document, prepared by a contractor, to develop goals, objectives, and functional requirements for future automated acquisitions operations. After the review was completed, a Library-wide Acquisitions Review Committee was formed to review the functional requirements, summarize the capabilities needed, and recommend priorities for development.

A Serials Technical Coordinating Committee, consisting of representatives from Processing Services, the Law Library, Research Services, the Copyright Office, and the Congressional Research Service, was formed to consider the requirements for an automated serials management system that could meet the needs of several departments within the Library. The group was set up as a subcommittee of the Committee on Automation Planning (CAP). The coordinating committee prepared a blueprint report for CAP which outlines a three-phase development plan. CAP authorized the appointment of a management committee for serials automation, chaired by Donald Wisdom of the Serials and Government Publications Division, and designated Linda Miller of APLO as project leader for the development of the logical design for the first phase which will include check-in, routing, and claims alert.

Development work concluded on a system to convert basic title-level data to an automated system. Work has begun on the conversion of 850,000 entries for serial titles which are currently maintained in the manual Serial Record file. The data can be loaded into the automated serials management system when it becomes available and will form the nucleus of the automated check-in file.

APLO continues to participate in the development of the second phase of the *National Union Catalog* (NUC) system. The Library's capability to accept machine-readable records as NUC reports of new titles or added locations is expected to be implemented in the fall. The University of Chicago and RLIN will send test tapes as soon as the Library is ready to test the NUC system. The Catalog Management and Publication Division will issue guidelines to reporting libraries.

In January, the *Register of Additional Locations Cumulative Microform Edition: 1968 to December 1984* was published. This issue contained a total of 35,100,609 locations for 4,432,881 titles. The 1984 annual of *Music, Books on Music, and Sound Recordings* is being published in a single 848-page volume.

The Catalog Management and Publication Division has prepared sections of the Main Reading Room's card catalog from letter Z to letter Q for microfilming. The project, to microfilm the Main Reading Room's catalog of more than 25,000,000 cards, is proceeding according to schedule. K. G. Saur, Inc.'s specialized camera will allow the project to be completed in four years.

The Cataloging Distribution Service initiated formal market research, through an outside contractor, on product lines related to automated subject authorities. A consultant firm is conducting telephone interviews to assist in the determination of the physical format and frequency of publication for subject authority products. In addition, the market research survey will focus on the impact that online availability of subject authorities, through the utilities, will have on sales of hard copy subject authority products.

CDS has also let a contract with a British-based firm that specializes in performing optical reading and automated format recognition of library bibliographic data. The firm will convert 30,000 catalog card records from the CDS record set to machine-readable form with tagging and content designation. The pilot project is limited to allow an evaluation of the error rate in MARC tagging and content designation. If the error rate is sufficiently low, such processing might be an alternative for the conversion of non-MARC records to machine-readable form.

The Serial Record Division completed the preparation of a comprehensive *Serials Accessioning Manual,* that covers all aspects of serials accessioning in the Library's files. The division also contracted with a consultant who will recommend future directions for the CONSER (conversion of serials) project. Despite the considerable achievements of the project, more remains to be done. The consultant will look at what aspects of CONSER need to be strengthened or expanded, what new initiatives should be undertaken, and what should be the appropriate guidelines for membership.

Serial Record Division staff joined other Library staff members in February to conduct training sessions for the new United States Newspaper Project participants. Training sessions were held at OCLC for new state project staff from Alabama, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Utah. Records in the CONSER data base that have been created during the life of the project now total more that 30,000.

The CONSER Abstracting and Indexing Coverage Project, which has been cosponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and the National Federation of

Abstracting and Indexing Services and has been carried out at the Library, has added nearly 120,000 abstracting/indexing coverage notes to approximately 55,000 unique records in the CONSER data base.

Networking

The Network Advisory Committee met in November in Washington, D.C. The topic of the fall meeting was "The Information Economy in the United States and Its Effect on Libraries and Library Networks." A statistics subcommittee was formed during the Network Advisory Committee meeting to look into the statistical requirements for measuring library activity. The subcommittee has met and agreed to use estimates on the total number of public libraries in the United States compiled by staff of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; the fact sheet will be expanded to include public, school, academic, special, and Federal libraries.

Staff in a variety of divisions in Processing Services and also in the Automated Systems Office have worked on components of the Linked Systems Project (LSP). Intersite testing of the record transfer component is nearly complete between the Library and the Research Libraries Group (RLG). Testing is complete for the online distribution of records from the Library and testing is still under way for the contribution of records from RLG to the Library. The telecommunications component of LSP, called the Standard Network Interconnection, is operating between the Library and RLG and is being tested with the Washington Library Network (WLN). The Linked Systems Project, funded by the Council on Library Resources, is a joint effort of the Library of Congress, RLG, WLN, and OCLC, Inc., to forge computer-to-computer links, whose initial implementation is the maintenance of the NACO file, an integrated, consistent name authority file maintained at the Library of Congress.

A revised agreement between the British Library and the Library of Congress, "For the Exchange and Use of National Bibliography Records," was signed by the two libraries in January. This revised agreement reflects new approaches to several problems. Both national libraries will now act primarily as format conversion centers for each other's MARC records internationally, while the basic subscription contract for the use of the records will be between the originating national library and the end user. The new agreement also makes provision for each national library to retain copyright on its own records and control over record use by the other national library and the end user. By March, work had been completed on modifications to the Library's UKMARC-to-USMARC conversion program.

During the first half of the fiscal year, the conversion program which will allow Library of Congress MARC records to be distributed in the UNIMARC format was finished. The UNIMARC format is supported by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions as the international MARC exchange format.

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office completed work on several new publications which are available for purchase from the Cataloging Distribution Service. The new *USMARC Format for Holdings and Locations* was published in February and *MARC Formats for Bibliographic Data,* Update Number 10, was published in December. Update Number 10 is a complete reissue incorporating a large number of modifications to fields, content designation for the archival and manuscripts format, and data elements added to the visual materials format. An annual update to the *National Level Bibliographic Record—Maps* was completed by the Network Development and MARC Standards Office and is available for purchase from CDS.

Research Services

Acquisitions

The Library has received the papers of Patricia Roberts Harris, former law school dean, Democratic Party official, Cabinet officer, and Ambassador to Luxembourg. The catalogs of the Bibliothèque Nationale were completed by acquisition of some missing volumes. The Library also received 100 reels of microfilm, reproducing the Chicago Yiddish newspaper, *The Jewish Daily Courier,* 1893–1947.

Cataloging Activities

The *Japanese National Union Catalog* was brought to a successful conclusion in February. The cut-off date for entries is January 1982. A total of 878,600 cards are filed alphabetically by main entry, with 46 institutions represented.

The MARC map data base reached 88,898 formatted records as of March 31.

Curatorial

A full-time curator of musical instruments, Catherine E. Folkers, was appointed in the Music Division, in October. Well known as a maker, player, and teacher of historical flutes, Ms. Folkers will have primary responsibility for the Dayton C. Miller Flute Collection.

Progress of the Inventory

The major class worked on during the first half of 1985 has been D (History, except American), which was 87 percent complete by the end of March. A high percentage of pre-1801 titles is being found in this class, such titles being transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. The largest classes remaining to be inventoried are P (Language and Literature) and T (Technology). Also awaiting their turns are A (General Works), F (American History), and Z (Bibliography).

Public Programs

The resident Beaux Arts Trio played all 11 Beethoven trios in February and March. Also in February a joint musical-literary program presented a lecture by Andrew Porter, followed by a performance of Arnold Schoenberg's *Pierrot Lunaire,* with a new translation by Mr. Porter. The Music Division began celebration of the Bach and Handel tricentennials with a February 1 concert by the Aulos Ensemble.

Robert Fitzgerald, Consultant in Poetry 1984–85, who was unable to assume his duties due to illness, died January 16. Reed Whittemore, appointed Interim Consultant 1984–85, completed the year as consultant. A memorial program was held on April 30 for Mr. Fitzgerald, the first Consultant in Poetry to die in office.

A notable literary program took place November 17 when poet, playwright, and performer Maya Angelou appeared at the Library.

The Geography and Map Division, in cooperation with the Center for the Book, arranged a two-day conference, "Images of the World," October 25–26, to coincide with a major exhibition of the Library's atlas collection. Another two-day international conference was held March 14–15, sponsored by the Near East Section, African and Middle Eastern Division. "Innovation and Tradition in the Arabic Sciences" drew 160 participants. Planning is proceeding for an exhibit and a symposium in celebration of the Festival of India.

Several new film series have begun in the Mary Pickford Theater, including "Films for Children," shown on alternate Saturday afternoons and featuring some classic motion pictures appropriate for children.

Publications

Halley's Comet, A Bibliography by Ruth S. Freitag, senior science specialist in the Science and Technology Division, is both the Library's contribution to activities associated with the return of the comet in late 1985 and the foundation for further study and research. The comprehensive 585-page volume lists more than 3,000 references to literature on the comet. The subject has been of special interest to Miss Freitag for a number of years.

Preservation

A second preservation conference was sponsored by the Library of Congress and the American Library Association, Resources and Technical Services Division. The topic for this year's conference that took place in Arlington, Va., March 8–9, was "Library Preservation: Implementing Programs." Peter Sparks, director for preservation and program officer of the National Preservation Program Office, presented a paper, as did Merrily Smith and Carolyn Morrow, two staff members of the expanded National Preservation Program Office.

Personnel

Two staff members were promoted to the position of assistant chief, Suzanne Thorin in the General Reading Rooms Division and David Wigdor in the Manuscript Division. Myron Weinstein, head of the Hebraic Section, retired.

Law Library

During the first part of the fiscal year, the Law Library was able to fill many important staff positions which has led to increased services and more efficiency of workflow. Leverette Preble III assumed the position of head of the Reading Room. He had been the director of the Law Library at Capital University in Ohio. Patricio Aranda-Caddou came from the University of Nebraska Law School Library to serve as the first foreign law reference librarian in the Reading Room. David Rabasca joined the staff as a reference librarian, leaving his position as associate librarian at the Maine State Library. Susan Wolfe started in the newly created departmental bibliographer position in February. She had been law librarian and a litigation manager at the American Petroleum Institute. Wendy Zeldin was appointed editor for the Far Eastern Law Division and Annelies Dobok was appointed editor in the Near Eastern and African Law Division.

Thanes Sucharikul, Thai legal specialist, left in January to return to Thailand to assume a high-level position with the Thai government. William Solyom-Fekete retired in October, after 27 years of service as the Law Library's Hungarian legal specialist.

The Law Library continued to respond to the research and reference needs of its diverse constituency.

The questions asked reflected matters before the Congress, as well as many issues making headline news. The topics of some of these requests have included: countries that have Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) or similiar mechanisms for sheltering income for retirement; ways in which other countries regulate hazardous waste; how nations control hostile corporate takeovers and mergers; the maritime zones of the littoral states of the world; restrictions placed on campaign financing in foreign countries; and legal mechanisms used around the world to either encourage or discourage foreign investments.

In addition to report writing, legal interpretations and analysis, and reference assistance, the staff provided other services to its users. The Department of Justice needed legal specialists to serve as expert witnesses in Cuban law and in English law. The Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Virgin Islands took depositions of two legal specialists by telephone. This teleconference connected four locations—Washington, D.C.; Toronto, Ont.; New York, N.Y.; and Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. The European Law Division gave a briefing for the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence & Research. Tao-Tai Hsia, chief of the Far Eastern Law Division, did work for Congress which led to a resolution asking for an extradition agreement in connection with the Henry Liu murder case.

The backlog of documents to be entered into the *Index to Latin American Legislation* was virtually eliminated by the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. In cooperation with the Automated Systems Office, the Hispanic Law Division employed a commercially available application generator, User Files Online (UFO). Once this system is fully operational it will enhance drafting, term assignment and hierarchy, and editing, and will make inputting the *Index* a paperless process.

The Law Library published two useful resources, *The Sudan: Law of Criminal Procedure* by Carleton W. Kenyon, Law Librarian, and a *Guide to Official Gazettes & their Contents*. This guide was begun by the late George Roman, Romanian legal specialist, and was completed by John Roberts of the Processing Section. Demand for this publication was extremely high from users both within and outside the Library.

The Law Library ushered in the new calendar year by acting as the host for a reception of the Association of American Law Schools during its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in early January. The reception was given in honor of the Supreme Court of the United States. Six justices including the Chief Justice attended. Daniel J. Boorstin, The Librarian of Congress, William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress, and Carleton W. Kenyon, Law Librarian, received the 2,225 law professors and deans who attended. To complement the reception theme, a display was installed in the Law Library Reading Room. The exhibit, "The Bench and its Books," was designed to trace the close relationship that has existed between the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress for more than 170 years.

Efforts in the previous fiscal year to increase the receipt of records and briefs from the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal have yielded positive results. The Law Library experienced a 385 percent increase in the receipt of materials from the courts in the first six months of this year as compared with the same period last year.

A few days before the end of the first half of the year, the Law Library received a $50,000 grant from Mead Data Central, Inc., earmarked for the production of a short documentary film about the services and resources of the Law Library. Scheduled for completion by July, the film will be made available to the public.

Copyright Office

Change in Leadership

David Ladd, Register of Copyrights since 1980 resigned as of January 2, to practice law in Washington, D.C. The Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin named The Associate Librarian of Congress Donald C. Curran as Acting Register of Copyrights, effective January 3. He will serve as Acting Register until a permanent Register is appointed by The Librarian.

Registrations

During the first half of the fiscal year, the Copyright Office experienced a surge in receipts; during October-March, 20,000 more claims were received for processing than in the same period the previous year, representing a 7 percent increase in workload.

Copyright Office Exhibition

"By Securing to Authors: Copyright, Commerce, and Creativity in America"—a permanent exhibition paying tribute to the creative ingenuity of America's authors, artists, and entrepreneurs and to the role that copyright has played in providing an incentive for that ingenuity—opened December 12 on the fourth floor of the Madison Building. Many of the displays illustrate legal cases that resulted in landmark decisions in copyright. Among the many items exhibited are the falcon statue used in the movie "The Maltese Falcon," an original 1898 Wallace Shows circus poster, a posed photograph of Oscar Wilde, and the typewritten copy of Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

Semiconductor Chip Protection Act

Under the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act of 1984, passed by the House of Representatives in October and signed by President Reagan on November 8, the circuit designs of semiconductor chip products, called mask works, will receive a 10-year term of protection if they are registered in the Copyright Office. This statutory protection is neither patent nor copyright but is an entirely new form of protection for intellectual property, embodied in a new chapter 9 in title 17 of the United States Code.

In order to process the registrations of mask works, the Copyright Office formed a Mask Work Unit in the Examining Division, that processed its first three claims on January 7. Because the unit is required by law to complete the processing of a mask work claim in four months, it is experimenting with a product line operation, in which the applications enter the unit and stay, without passing from location to location as do other copyright claims.

An Automated Public Office

An automatic call distribution system was installed by the ROLM Corporation in the Public Office of the Information Section, Information and Reference Division, on January 28. This system places callers in a queue and gives them recorded information concerning the Copyright Office Hotline, the address of the Public Office, the hours of service, the receipt of certified or registered mail by the Office, and the length of time required to process applications for copyright registration, as well as information about patents and trademarks. Other features of the system include a set at each work station that tells individual information specialists how long they have spent speaking with a caller and whether or not other calls are waiting.

Seminars

The Examining Division of the Copyright Office sponsored several seminars on copyright issues in a series called "A View from the Other Side." Copyright lawyer Stanley Rothenberg, graphic designers Edith and Philip Leonian, and lawyer William Krasilovsky, author of "This Business of Music," talked about the ways that copyright issues affect their lives and those of their clients.

Regulations

In October, the Copyright Office, in response to inquiries from the public and the industries involved, held a public hearing to assist in determining whether low-power television station signals would be local or distant under the compulsory license provision of the Copyright Act, when those signals are retransmitted by cable television systems. The office decided to take a neutral position due to the amibiguity of the status of low-power stations awaiting legislative clarification.

The Office also invited public comment at another hearing in October to consider several issues relating to the implementation of the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act of 1984. Interim regulations were issued on January 3.

Through the deposit of copies and phonorecords, the Copyright Office contributes to the development of the collections of the Library of Congress. In mid-February the Office of the General Counsel notified the public that the Copyright Office was considering adopting amendments modifying the deposit regulations and invited comment through March. The modifications were designed to liberalize, clarify, and in some cases, expand the requirements. In March, the office issued final regulations concerning the calculation of distant signal equivalents after the deregulation of cable television in 1981.

Legislative Activity

In October, the Copyright Office, along with the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, recommended the Brussels Satellite Convention to the U.S. Senate for ratification. On October 28, the Senate ratified the Convention, providing an important step toward worldwide cooperation in the international protection of copyrighted programming carried via satellite.

A report requested by Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.), chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks, to assist in considering the impact of changes in copyright legislation was transmitted to the Congress in December.

International Exchanges

Copyright Office policy planning adviser Marybeth Peters represented the United States at the conference of the Permanent Program for Development Cooperation, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), held in Geneva February 4–8. The purpose of the Permanent Program is to assist lesser developed nations in finding effective methods for administering their copyright laws.

Ms. Peters also attended the Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on Copyright Protection for Databases, held under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris on February 8. Represen-

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, July 9

☐ "The Western Discovery of India," Allan Thrasher, reference librarian, Southern Asian Section, Asian Division. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. **For members and staff.**

Tuesday, July 16

☐ "The Comic Book Collection in the Library of Congress," Chris Mathias, Binding Office. Special Interest Group on the Special Collections in the Library of Congress. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, July 18

☐ Allison Kinnaird and Christine Primrose, exponents of traditional Scottish music, present songs accompanied on the harp. Outdoor concert series of the American Folklife Center. Free. Neptune Plaza, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Held indoors in case of rain.

The Mary Pickford Theater

A new series has begun this month, "Blue Collar Thirties," a look at Hollywood's depictions of the American worker in the 1930s. Spectacular new prints are being screened, made possible by the Library's ongoing preservation effort to convert potentially volatile nitrate film stock to durable safety film. The first films in the series are "Employees' Entrance" (1933), with Warren William and Loretta Young, July 10 at 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.; and "I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang" (1932), with Paul Muni and Glenda Farrell, July 11 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Later in the month, the Pickford Theater will run a Jason Robards Retrospective, to coincide with Mr. Robards' opening in Washington in a production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh" at the American National Theater. The retrospective will include Robards' complete recorded work in O'Neill's plays and a sampling of his best film and television performances.

The "Movies for Children" Series on Saturdays at 2 p.m. continues with "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man" (1939), with W. C. Fields and Edgar Bergen, July 13.

To make phone reservations, no earlier than one week preceding a screening, call (202) 287-5677, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stand-bys are admitted 10 minutes before a show to take unclaimed seats. Seating is limited to 64.

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

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tatives to the meeting discussed ways of sharing information from various countries on whether or not a data base is protected and the extent of protection.

Copyright Office policy planning adviser Chris Meyer visited Taiwan and Korea to consult on pending copyright bills. Also involved in the consultations were representatives from the Departments of Commerce and State and the U.S. Trade Representative. During January and February he participated in a series of lectures in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia under the auspices of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The series was a joint initiative of the Copyright Office and the Department of Commerce.

Copyright Office staff also participated in UNESCO and WIPO meetings on private copying, video and audio rental, and computer software. In February, the office was represented at the first meeting of WIPO and UNESCO specifically to consider copyright protection for computer software.

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